(c) whether it is a fact that the actual consumption during the above said years and in first six months of the current year was less than this assessment; and

(d) if so, what is the difference between the assessment and actual consumption during the above said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Demand projection is a dynamic exercise, which takes into account current ground realities with regard to demand trend as well as future outlook.

(b) to (d) Information is given below:—

Demand Estimates

(MMT)

Year	Original Estimate	Revised Estimate	Actual	Var. 4-2	Var. 4-3	% Ach. 4 / 2	%Ach. 4 / 3
1999-00	94.79	98.30	97.09	2.30	-1.21	102.4	98.8
2000-01	104.93	98.77	100.07	-4.86	1.30	95.4	101.3
2001-02	104.58	99.44	*48.77	-	-	-	-

*April-September, 2001 (Prov.)

Crude oil production

†264. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN'

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the first half of the current year 2001-2002, production of crude oil has come down in the country as compared to that of first half of the last year;

(b) if so, the quantity of the crude oil produced in the country during both the aforesaid period;

(c) the deficiency in both the quantities *vis-a-vis* annual target of production; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) area of low production alongwith the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As against the crude oil production of 16.18 Million Metric Tonne (MMT) in the first half (April-Sept., 2000) of 2000-01, the production during the first half (April-Sept., 2001) of the current year 2001-02 has been 15.71 MMT.

(c) The details are given below:

(Oil Production in Million Metric Tonnes)

	2000-01 (Apr. 2000-Sep. 2000)	2001-02 (Apr. 2001-Sept, 2001)
Target	16.057	16.419
Actual	16.179	15.712
%achievement	99.25%	95.67%

(d) The main areas of low production are:

(i) Western offshore; where due to planned shutdown of MHN platform which had to be extended, resulting in the shortfall in production; and

(ii) North-Eastern Region, where land acquisition problems and environmental problems, like bandhs, strikes, etc, effect the exploration / production activities.

LPG cylinder orders placed by IOC and BPC

265. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item "High Court Ka Aadesh Bhi Nahin Mana Petroleum Mantralya Ne" which appeared in Jansatta dated the 25th September, 2001 regarding order of LPG cylinders by IOC and BPC;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) the details of the first time bedders and quantum of orders placed on them;